MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X
ALL OVER AGAIN...
I'M REALIZING
ゴクッ
GULP
STEP
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER LIKE THIS BEFORE, BUT...
MY GIRLFRIEND...
SWISH
FLAGS: CERTAIN VICTORY
URABE-SAN!
YOU CAN DO IT!
FWOOSH
SHFF

MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X
—NAZO NO KANOJO X—
CRACK
THIS GALLANT LOOK IS A PERFECT FIT FOR SPRING!!!
STANDING IN THE BATTER'S BOX, SHE LOOKS...
BEAUTIFUL...
ESPECIALLY WHERE HER THIGHS PEEK OUT FROM HER SHORTS ♥
CHAPTER 77:
THE MYSTERIOUS SOFTBALL
UESHIBA RICHI

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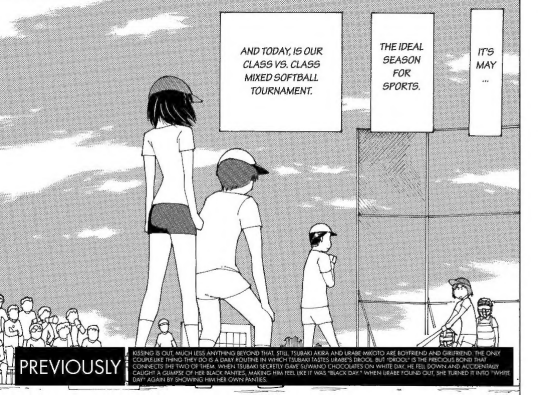

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2	C	0	1	0			
2	A	2	1				

NOW IT'S THE BOTTOM OF THE THIRD AND WE'RE UP BY TWO.

AND MADE IT TO THE FINALS.

OUR CLASS, 2-A, HAS WON ALL OUR GAMES

OH...
LOOKS LIKE 2-C
IS CHANGING PITCHERS!
HEY!
THAT'S YOSHIKAWA!
YOSHIKAWA?
SHE'S REALLY WELL-KNOWN IN CERTAIN CIRCLES.
WELL-KNOWN? WHY?
CLICK
WHY?
OBVIOUSLY...
ZIP...!!
ZIIIIIIP

ESPECIALLY HER CHEST.
CLICK
パシャ
CLICK
パシャ
SHE'S WELL-KNOWN FOR HER NICE FIGURE!
2-A
UENO-KUN!
YOU'RE UP TO BAT NEXT!
SMACK
OH!

WHOA!
NICE PITCH!
2-A
FWOOSH
SHFF
EEK!
2-C
WHOOSH
THWACK
2-A
CRACK
OOPS
...
SORRY!

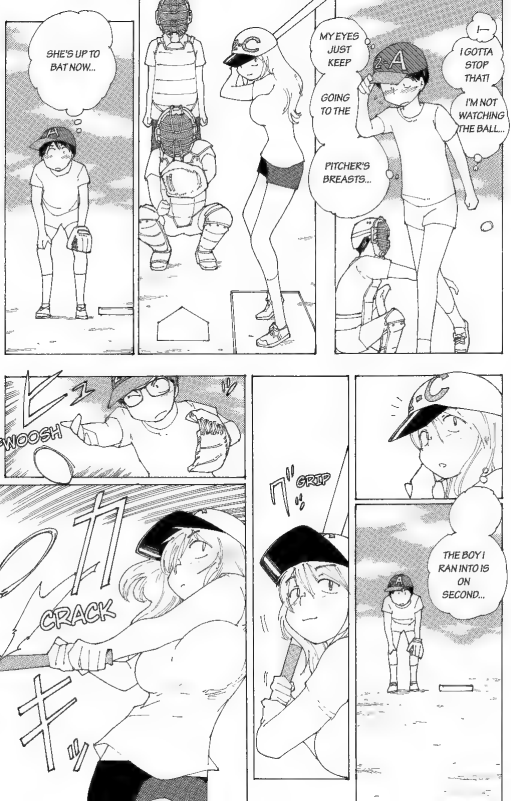
ROOOOAR!
HUH?
HUH?!
勝 2-C
SIGN: WIN! 2-C
WHOA!
HEY!
STOP...
WHAT IF IT HAD HIT HER FACE?!
DAMN YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, HITTING YOSHIKAWA?!
WHACK
WHACK
STOP THAT!
WA—
WAIT...
CLICK
THAT YOSHIKAWA GIRL... IS REALLY POPULAR, HUH?
WHAT THE HELL...
YEAH.
SHE'S THE IDOL OF ALMOST ALL THE GUYS IN 2-C.

I GUESS SHE IS
PRETTY CUTE...
2-A
FWOOSH
VWOOM
おお
OOOH!

ZOOM
I LOST IT!!
CRACK
WHIRL
HUH?
TSUBAKI-KUN!
WOOSH
THWACK
GRAB

TUMBLE
WHOA!!
THUD
EEK!
OW...
OUCH...
OH, JEEZ...
コロコロ
ROLL...
SA—
SAFE!!

3 4 5
0 2 1
0 0
A GIRL'S BREASTS WERE ON ME...
SUCH BIG BREASTS, ON TOP OF ME...
I'M SORRY!
I WAS SO FOCUSED ON RUNNING.
I RAN RIGHT INTO YOU...
NAH, YOU COULDN'T HELP IT!
AWW...
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE LOST OUR STRIDE
THEY GOT AHEAD OF US BY A RUN AT SOME POINT!
SINCE THAT YOSHIKAWA GIRL FROM 2-C CAME IN.
FWOOSH
OUR BOYS HAVE, ANYWAY...
STRIKE!
YER OUT!
THWACK


SHE'S UP TO BAT NOW...
MY EYES JUST KEEP GOING TO THE PITCHER'S BREASTS...
I— I GOTTA STOP THAT!
I'M NOT WATCHING THE BALL...
FWOOSH
CRACK
GRIP
THE BOY I RAN INTO IS ON SECOND...

WHEN SHE RAN INTO ME EARLIER... HER CHEST WAS SO SOFT...
ALL RIGHT... ALL RIGHT...
GOT IT!
POP FLY!
TSUBAKI!
IT'S UP!!
THWACK
HEY!
TSUBAKI!!
G—
SORRY!
FWOOSH
HUH?!
FLUNK

COME ON, BOYS!
YOU'VE BEEN MAKING TOO MANY DUMB MISTAKES!
ESPECIALLY YOU, TSUBAKI-KUN!
YOU NEED TO CONCENTRATE ON THE GAME!
S—
SORRY ...
LOOKS LIKE
THAT YOSHIKAWA GIRL'S
GOT TSUBAKI-KUN MARKED...
HUH?
SHE'S ACTUALLY REALLY GOOD AT SOFTBALL...
IT'S OBVIOUS SHE'S GUNNING FOR TSUBAKI-KUN.
TSUBAKI-KUN IS A SIMPLE-MINDED GUY, YOU KNOW?
I BET
TSUBAKI-KUN'S SLUMP STARTED WHEN
SHE RAN INTO HIM...

TO GET OUT OF THIS SLUMP.
OR HE'S NEVER GOING
GET HER OUT OF HIS MIND.
TSUBAKI-KUN NEEDS TO
LEAP
HIZ-A
GRAAACK
SLIDE
KEEP RUNNING!
KEEP RUNNING!
URABE!
WAAAAH!

OUT!
2-A
WHAT?!
WHERE?!
I GOT A SCRAPE...
.....
IT'S BLEEDING...
ARE YOU OKAY, URABE?
ARE...
SIT

GO!
YEAH!
UENO-KUNI
CRACK
HER ARMS AND LEGS DON'T HAVE ANY SCRAPES...
FROM WHAT I CAN SEE,

SCHL?
HUH?
WHERE I GOT SCRAPED?
YOU WANT TO KNOW
WAAAAH!
KEEP RUNNING!!

SCHLP
ちゅ
光
勝
2-A
WAAAAH!
3 4 5 6
1 0 0
0 0
ALL RIGHT!
THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO MAKE A FINAL COMEBACK!
WE'VE GOT A MAN ON BASE!
ぽ
POP
KNOCK 'EM DEAD!
TSUBAKI-KUN!
NEXT!
OH..
YEAH!

WHEN SHE SAID SHE WAS BLEEDING...
URABE...
WHERE DID SHE GET HURT?
OH...
!

MY CHEST
IS BLEEDING...
WAS ON HER CHEST...
SO THE SCRAPE URABE GOT FROM SLIDING...

SHE RUN HERSELF RAGGED AFTER CHEW-LAN'S ALIEN
LEADER'S TRYING TO HARM!
RUN
RUN

WHAT IN EARTH AM I DOING?
GASP

SHFF
THE ONLY BREASTS FOR ME...
FWOOSH
CRACK

WAAAAH!?
SHOULD WATCH...
BE READY IN...
GRAAAAGH!
ARE GRADE 5 BREASTS!
BUT THAT'S...
WICKED THOUGHTS, BE GONE!
TAP
2-A
WHAT MAKES TSUBAKI HERE
SQUEE!
MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X
END OF CHAPTER 77

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MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X

CHAPTER 78: MYSTERIOUS DRESS

植芝理一
UESHIBA-RIICHI

PREVIOUSLY

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FLASH!
THE GIRL FROM AKIRA'S CLASS!
お夏
URABE-SAN!
OH!

I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THAT.
...THEN,
ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T MIND?
NO, NOT AT ALL!
UM...
YES.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE MY UMBRELLA?
HUH?
REALLY?
I CAN WALK YOU HOME...
WITH
UFO

BUT I GUESS YOU SHOULD ALWAYS CARRY AN UMBRELLA IN THE RAINY SEASON, HUH?
THE WEATHER FORECAST SAID THE RAIN WOULDN'T START UNTIL THIS EVENING, SO I WENT OUT TO SHOP...
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT THIS.
DON'T BE.
OH, NO,
ザーザー
RAIN

UM...
HUH?
SINCE YOU'RE WALKING ME HOME,
YOU MIGHT AS WELL COME IN
AND HAVE SOME TEA.
IS TSUBAKI-KUN HOME TODAY...?

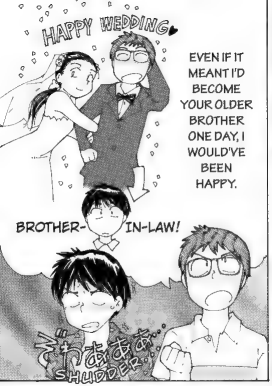
OH,
HE'S NOT HOME TODAY.
IT'S SUNDAY, AFTER ALL...
HE'S PROBABLY AT UENO-KUN'S HOUSE.

HTTT...
FSSSHHHH...
BUT STILL...
BUT DON'T WORRY.
IT'LL JUST BE US GIRLS AT THE HOUSE.
... AH...
IN HIS HOUSE, RIGHT?
IT'D BE AWKWARD TO RUN INTO A BOY FROM YOUR CLASS
BUT I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN!
FAITH MAH U.F.O

FWOOOOSSHH!!
IT'S REALLY POURING OUT THERE.
WOW...
THIS RAIN IS COMING DOWN HARDER AND HARDER...
UENO!
HUH?
YOU'D GET SOAKED, EVEN WITH AN UMBRELLA.
IF YOU WERE OUTSIDE ON A DAY LIKE THIS,
ZZZ

YOU'VE REALLY BEEN TO
A LOT OF DIFFERENT PLACES WITH OKA...
OH, THE ALBUM?
THAT'S RIGHT. WE'VE ALWAYS TAKEN PICTURES WHEREVER WE WENT.
I'VE GOTTA THINK ABOUT WHERE WE SHOULD GO OVER THE SUMMER.
THE RAINY SEASON SHOULD BE OVER SOON.
HUH?
...WAIT, WAIT!
WHAT'S UP WITH THIS?
THIS PICTURE!
HUH?
IS THERE A PICTURE IN THERE
THAT SHOULDN'T BE?
"SHOULDN'T" DOESN'T EVEN COVER IT!
THIS ONE HERE!
LOOK!

DON'T CALL MY SISTER BY NAME!
OH...
WHY DO YOU HAVE A PICTURE OF HER IN A SWIMSUIT, ANYWAY?
THAT'S YOUKO-SAN ...
WHEN DID YOU TAKE THIS?
WAS MY IDOL BACK THEN.
WELL, YOUR SISTER
IDOL?
JEEZ...
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?
YOUR SISTER TOOK US BOTH TO THE BEACH.
WHEN WE WERE IN SIXTH GRADE.
REMEMBER?
SO,
I TOOK ONE PICTURE OF HER, IN SECRET.


HAPPY WEDDING♥
EVEN IF IT MEANT I'D BECOME YOUR OLDER BROTHER ONE DAY, I WOULD'VE BEEN HAPPY.
BROTHER-
IN-LAW!
ずきまま…
SHUDDER

UENO-KUN♪
上野くん♪
WELCOME!
いらっしゃい!
BEFORE I STARTED DATING OKA,
GETTING TO SEE YOUR SISTER
WAS ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT GOING TO YOUR HOUSE.
THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I SERIOUSLY WISHED
I COULD BE WITH YOUKO-SAN.

WHEW!
I'M SOAKED!

SO I'M SAYING IT NOW!
LISTEN...

WELL,
EVERY GUY GOES THROUGH A TIME
WHEN HE IDOLIZES AN OLDER WOMAN!
UENO,
I'VE WANTED TO TELL YOU THIS FOR AGES...

I'LL BRING YOU A TOWEL.
WAIT RIGHT THERE.
OKAY.
OH...
YOUR T-SHIRT IS SOAKED, TOO.
スーパーはる美?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE?
YOU CAN USE SOMETHING OF MINE.
OH...
OKAY.
THANK YOU.

HANG UP YOUR WET CLOTHES ON THOSE HANGERS.
LET'S SEE...
HELP YOURSELF TO THE TOWELS ON THE SHELF.
I WORE THAT DRESS WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE...
BUT I THINK IT SHOULD BE ABOUT YOUR SIZE...
TH—
THANK YOU.
OH!
SHNK

YOU LOOK SO CUTE!
IT SUITS YOU!
IT REALLY DOES!
IT SEEMS LIKE...
A VERY GROWN-UP DRESS...
I LIKED IT A LOT, SO I WORE IT ALL THE TIME.
BUT IT LOOKS BETTER ON YOU THAN ME!
OH...
NOT AT ALL...
I WORE IT A LOT
WHEN I COMMUTED TO SCHOOL...
YEP!
IT LOOKS BETTER ON YOU!
IT MUST BE YOUR AGE...

SO I STOPPED WEARING IT SO OFTEN.
WHENEVER I WORE IT ANYWHERE,
BUT AKIRA WOULD ALWAYS COMPLAIN
OH...
BUT WHENEVER I TRIED TO WEAR IT OUTSIDE...
I'M NOT SURE WHY.
TSUBAKI-KUN DID...?
BUT IT'S SUCH A CUTE DRESS...
WHY DIDN'T HE LIKE IT?
YOU SHOULD WEAR SOMETHING ELSE.
SIS,
YOU'RE WEARING THAT AGAIN?
HE'D SAY THAT EVERY TIME!
I...
I WONDER WHY...
WELL, HE HAD JUST STARTED MIDDLE SCHOOL.

I GUESS HE WAS JUST AT SORT OF AN AWKWARD AGE?
FSSSHHHH...
UENO,
I'VE WANTED TO TELL YOU THIS FOR AGES,
SO I'M SAYING IT NOW!
LISTEN...
WH—
WHAT?
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY SISTERS, RIGHT?
NO, JUST AN OLDER BROTHER.
SO YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND...
WELL...
IT'S NOT A GOOD FEELING.
BUT WHEN OTHER GUYS SHOW INTEREST IN YOUR OWN SISTER AS A WOMAN...
MEN
男

TAKE BATHS WITH HER WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE, RIGHT?
I MEAN, YOU USED TO
THAT'S EXACTLY THE KIND OF THING THAT BOTHERS ME!
WHAT?
BUT HOW COULD I NOT THINK OF HER THAT WAY?
I WAS REALLY JEALOUS OF YOU FOR A WHILE!
JUST FEELS REALLY
DIS-GUST-ING TO ME!
SO HEARING THAT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING AT MY SISTER THAT WAY
ARE YOU...
REALLY SURE?
THAT'S A VERY DELICATE ISSUE FOR ME!
AS SOMEONE WITH A SISTER,
UNDER-STAND THAT!
AND NEVER SAY STUFF LIKE THAT AGAIN!
ER...
REALLY?
YOUR CLOTHES AREN'T DRY YET, ANYWAY.
SURE.

YOU'LL CONTINUE TO LOOK AFTER AKIRA IN CLASS.
AND I HOPE
AH...
I WILL!
THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME IN...
SO I'D LIKE YOU TO KEEP THAT DRESS.
OH...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
AND BESIDES, IT LOOKS MUCH BETTER ON YOU NOW.
ZAAA...
DOWNPOUR

URABE!
AH!
THIS IS RARE.
...TSUBAKI-KUN.
I NEVER SEE YOU AROUND HERE!
ARE YOU
ON YOUR WAY HOME?
YEAH.
I WAS AT UENO'S HOUSE.
WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?
HUH?
UM...
WELL...
SNAP

SCOOT
HUH?
OH,
OKAY.
HAND ME
YOUR UMBRELLA.
URABE,
OKAY.
O—
YOU WERE
ON YOUR WAY HOME, TOO, RIGHT?
I'LL WALK YOU TO THE SPOT WHERE WE DO
OUR DAILY ROUTINE.
YES!
I NATURALLY GOT HER TO SHARE AN UMBRELLA WITH ME!

FSSSHHHH...
LOOKS LIKE THE RAIN
IS COMING DOWN HARDER AGAIN.
URABE,
YOUR SHOULDER'S NOT WET, IS IT?
A LITTLE,
BUT IT'S OKAY.
...TSUBAKI-KUN.
YEAH?
CAN YOU TELL ME
WHAT YOU THINK
OF THIS DRESS?
OH...
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU WEAR THAT ONE BEFORE.
DID YOU JUST BUY IT?
IT LOOKS GREAT ON YOU.
YOU LOOK REALLY CUTE.
...I SEE.

AH,
WAIT!
TSU-BAKI-KUN!
WELL,
URABE,
I'LL SEE YOU AT SCHOOL TOMOR-ROW!
OH...
OKAY!
BUT SINCE WE CAME HERE ANYWAY...
TODAY'S SUNDAY,
SCHLP
OUR ROUTINE.

FLASH
!
AH...
URABE.
THAT DRESS YOU'RE WEARING ...
THAT'S NOT...

IT'S YOUR SISTER'S DRESS.
IT IS.
THAT'S WHEN SHE GAVE ME THIS DRESS.
AND I WAS ACTUALLY AT YOUR HOUSE UNTIL NOW.
I RAN INTO YOUR SISTER IN THE SHOPPING DISTRICT,
IT...
BUT THAT DRESS...
IT'S NOT THAT I DIDN'T LIKE IT, REALLY.
THAT'S...
THAT...
おぉぉぉ
GUUUUSH...
SHE TOLD ME
YOU DIDN'T LIKE THIS DRESS.
WHY IS THAT?
WHEN IT'S SUCH
A CUTE DRESS...
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FSSHH...

YOU CAN SEE THROUGH IT.
WHEN IT'S WET,
I COULD SEE RIGHT THROUGH IT...
I'M HOME!
WHEN MY SISTER WAS IN COLLEGE, SHE USED TO WEAR THAT DRESS, AND WHEN SHE GOT CAUGHT IN A DOWNPOUR ONE DAY...

I GOT REALLY WORRIED...
IF I SAW HER WEARING IT ON DAYS WHEN IT LOOKED LIKE RAIN,
FROM THEN ON,
OR THE GIRL I LOVE,
I JUST DON'T WANT MY SISTER,
HAVING OTHER GUYS STARE AT HER LIKE THAT.
GUYS ARE PERVERTED CREATURES, YOU KNOW!
I KNEW GUYS ON THE STREET WOULD STARE AT HER!
MYSELF INCLUDED!
WHEN THE WEATHER'S CLEAR...
SO YOU CAN WEAR THAT DRESS

...OKAY.
BUT IF IT'S RAINING,
NEVER
WEAR IT!
AND SO, TODAY WAS THE FIRST TIME I GOT TO SEE URABE SMILE THIS SUMMER.
ザーーーーーーー...
NOW, ONCE THE RAINY SEASON ENDS,
IT'LL BE SUMMER FOR REAL!

MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X
LEAVING THE KAZAMIDAI HIGH SWIMMING POOL IN PLAIN VIEW OF THE BOYS ON THE FIELD...
LAST YEAR, THERE WAS ONLY A CHAIN LINK FENCE,
BUT THIS YEAR, A WALL HAS BEEN BUILT,
CONCEALING THE POOL FROM THE BOYS' CURIOUS EYES.
...
MAN!
SO ANYWAY,
SENSEI!
FOR SWIMMING CLASS TOMORROW,
WE'D LIKE YOUR PERMISSION TO DO THIS...
HMM...
YOU KNOW,
TO CELEBRATE THE REMODELING
OF THE SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL.

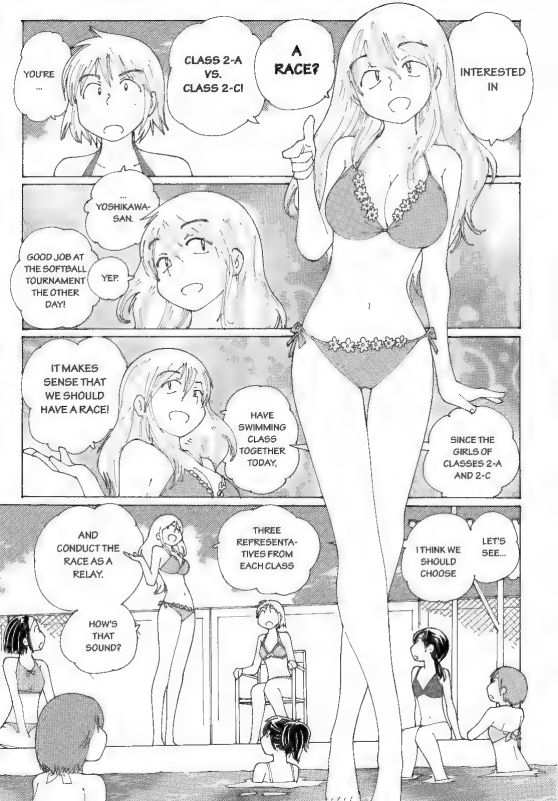
MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X

CHAPTER 79:
MYSTERIOUS POOLSIDE

植芝理一
UESHIBA RIICHI

SPLASH
SPLASH
HEY!
HANG ON, URABE-SAN!
WE AGREED TO SWIM TOGETHER.
I CAN'T KEEP UP!
AND YOU POUR ON THE SPEED LIKE THAT!
SPLASH
SPLASH
OH, SORRY.
ANYWAY, URABE-SAN,
WE ACTUALLY GOT PERMISSION TO WEAR OUR OWN SWIMSUITS.
4
BUT YOU'RE WEARING YOUR SCHOOL SWIMSUIT!
THAT'S NO FUN!
WELL,
I DON'T CARE WHAT I WEAR.
I'M JUST HAPPY TO SWIM.
LOOK THERE.
SEE?
SPLOOSHooo

GASP
THE ONE SUWANO'S WEARING.
I THINK THAT KIND OF BIKINI
WOULD LOOK GOOD ON YOU, URABE-SAN.
YAMAZAKI-SENSEII! YAMAZAKI-SENSEII!
A VISITOR IS HERE TO SEE YOU.
PLEASE RETURN TO THE FACULTY OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.
HUH?
YAJIMA.
I NEED TO TAKE OFF FOR A BIT.
KEEP AN EYE ON EVERYONE FOR ME
OH, SURE!
THERE WE GO.
HEY, THERE...
STEP
STEP


YOU'RE ...
CLASS 2-A VS. CLASS 2-C!
A RACE?
INTERESTED IN
...YOSHIKAWA-SAN.
GOOD JOB AT THE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT THE OTHER DAY!
YEP.
IT MAKES SENSE THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A RACE!
HAVE SWIMMING CLASS TOGETHER TODAY.
SINCE THE GIRLS OF CLASSES 2-A AND 2-C
AND CONDUCT THE RACE AS A RELAY.
THREE REPRESENTA-TIVES FROM EACH CLASS
I THINK WE SHOULD CHOOSE
LET'S SEE...
HOW'S THAT SOUND?

ALSO!
SINCE THE TEACHER ISN'T HERE,
THERE'LL BE A PENALTY FOR THE LOSING TEAM!
OKAY?!
THERE.
YOU KNOW THE VENDING MACHINE NEXT TO THE GYM?
THE THREE LOSERS HAVE TO GO THERE, IN THEIR SWIMSUITS, AND BUY DRINKS FOR THE THREE WINNERS!
AND THE BOYS ARE PLAYING SOCCER IN THE FIELD NEXT TO THE GYM RIGHT NOW...
WHICH MEANS THE LOSERS
WOO-WOO
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おぉ
おぉ
WILL BE SEEN IN THEIR OWN SWIMSUITS!
WELL,
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
DO YOU ACCEPT,
CLASS 2-A?!

!! ザ
KER-SPLASH
ON YOUR OWN!
DECIDE EVERY-THING
JUST
DON'T
YAH!
SWEEP
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN SO SELF-CENTERED,
SERI-OUSLY...
YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT BOTHERED ME SO MUCH ABOUT LOSING THE SOFT-BALL TOURNA-MENT?
WHAT?
SUWANO-SAN, YOU KNOW YOSHIKAWA-SAN?
YEAH.
WE WENT TO THE SAME MIDDLE SCHOOL.
IT WAS BECAUSE WE LOST TO YOUR CLASS!
SUWANO!
THIS RACE IS FOR REVENGE!

AS IF I'D RUN FROM YOU,
YOSHI-KAWA!
RUNNING AWAY, ARE YOU,
SUWANO?
YOU'RE NOT...
WE CAME IN FIRST IN OUR GRADE IN THE SWIMMING MATCH, YOU KNOW.
ME, YAJIMA-SAN, AND URABE-SAN.
I ALREADY KNOW WHO'S RACING FOR OUR CLASS.
YES.
WHAT?
YOU'RE GOING TO RACE?
GO, YAJIMA-SAN ♪
FIGHT, 2-C!
HMM...
GOOD LUCK, URABE-SAN!
BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE FUN TO ME!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.
CRACK
CRACK

OKAY,
ON YOUR MARKS!
2
3
KER-SPLASH
SET!
TWEET
SPLASH
SPLASH...

SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH...
WOW...?
THE GIRL FROM 2-C IS FAST, TOO!
YAJIMA-SAN IS UNDER SOME PRESSURE...
TSUBAKI-KUN SAID HIS FAVORITE SWIMSUIT
WOULD BE A RED BIKINI.
...LISTEN, URABE-SAN.
HMM...
.....
URABE-SAN, GIVE IT YOUR BEST!

WHEN WE WERE ON CLASS DUTY TOGETHER,
I ASKED HIM WHAT KIND
OF SWIMSUIT HE LIKED ON A GIRL...
RED... BIKINI...
WHA...
IF WE LOSE,
TSUBAKI-KUN
WILL SEE ME
IN THIS SWIMSUIT...
A REGULAR RED BIKINI...
I GUESS
WELL...
...WAS HIS ANSWER.

LEAP!
SMACK
LEAP
URABE-SAN!
IT'S ALL UP TO YOU!
SORRY!!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
KER-
SPLASH

SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASHnnn
SHE'S CLOSING THE GAP...
SO FAST!
URABE-SAN'S
SHE PASSED HER!
SPLOOSH
LEAP!
SMACK
NGH...
KEEP IT UP!
URABE-SAN!

A LEAP
SPLASH
SMACK
SPLASH!
SPLASH
WHO'S GOING TO WIN?!
SHE'S FAST!
WHOA!!
FOR SOMEONE
WITH SUCH BIG BOOBS,
YOSHIKAWA-SAN IS SO FAST...

TWEEEEEET
CLASS A WINS!
SMACK
TCH...
SMACK
WHEW..
THAT WAS CLOSE...
THANKS,
IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU TOOK THE LEAD IN YOUR LAP, URABE-SAN.
OH...
BY THE WAY,
THE THING ABOUT TSUBAKI-KUN LIKING RED BIKINIS WAS A LIE.
WHAT?
I THOUGHT IF I SAID THAT,
IT WOULD MAKE YOU TAKE THIS RACE SERIOUSLY..

OKAY, YOU THREE!
LIKE YOU SAID,
YOU HAVE TO GO BUY US DRINKS DRESSED LIKE THAT!
HMPH...
I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO!
AH...
OKAY!
LET'S GO!
HUH?
SHE ALWAYS LIKES TO BE THE CENTER OF ATTENTION.
SHE DOESN'T SEEM TOO UPSET.
SEEING SOMEONE ELSE EMBARRASS THEMSELVES
OR BEING SEEN BY BOYS IN HER SWIMSUIT...
EITHER ONE WOULD BE A WIN FOR HER.
MURMUR
I WONDER HOW IT'LL GO...
MURMUR

WE CAN WATCH OVER THE WALL.
ガシャ GLATTER
ガシャ GLATTER
ペコ ペコ POKE POKE
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SWIMMING SUIT
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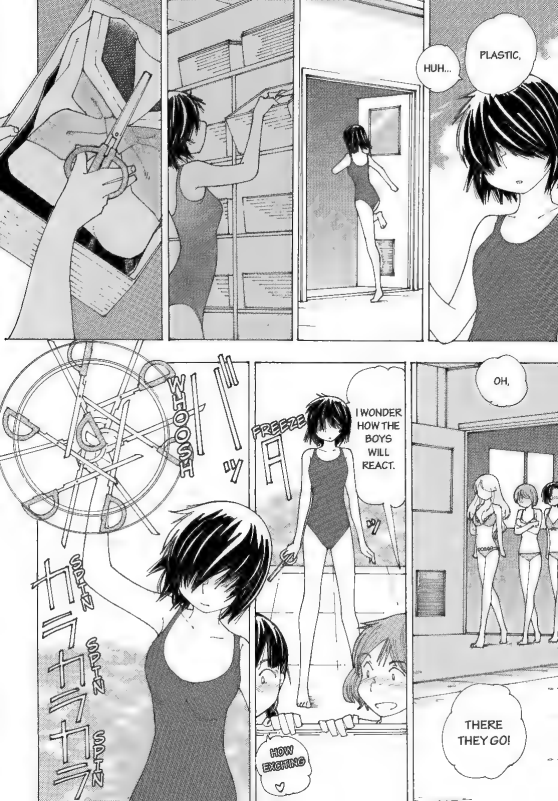
PLASTIC.
HUH...
OH.
I WONDER HOW THE BOYS WILL REACT.
FREEZE
WHOOSH
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
THERE THEY GO!
HOW EXCITING

SHOOM
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
PASS!
PASS!
HEY!

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TER…

SHA

WHA...
WHA...
HEY! WHAT'S GOING
HE—
WHEN
きゃあああああ
YAAAAAAH!
おおおお

WHO KNOWS...
DURING PE CLASS TODAY,
THE WALL BY THE POOL SUDDENLY CAME DOWN.
WAS THAT, BY ANY CHANCE,
YOUR DOING?
SO, TSUBAKI-KUN,
WHEN THE WALL CAME DOWN,
DID YOU SEE
ANY OF THE GIRLS' SWIMSUITS?
WELL,
SUDDENLY ALL I COULD SEE
WAS THE COLOR OF GIRLS' BARE SKIN...
I COULDN'T TELL WHO WAS WHO.
BY THE WAY,
WHAT KIND OF SWIMSUIT WERE YOU WEARING?
MY REGULAR
SCHOOL SWIMSUIT.
HUH?
WASN'T TODAY THE DAY
WHEN YOU WERE ALLOWED TO WEAR YOUR OWN SWIMSUITS?
ROSWELL

HUH?
YOU ALREADY HAVE PLANS
TO GO TO THE BEACH?
NO,
NOT YET.
I HAD ALREADY DECIDED
THAT I WOULD SAVE MY NEW SWIMSUIT
FOR THE BEACH THIS SUMMER
SO I USED MY SCHOOL SWIMSUIT TODAY.
TH—
THEN...
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO THERE WITH ME?
MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X
END OF CHAPTER 79
AN INCIDENT AT THE CLIMAX OF SUMMER BREAK!!

MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
6 YEARS AGO
OUR SCHOOL IS UP ON A HILL,
YOU KNOW,
YEAH!
KOUHEI UENO (GRADE 5)
SO LOOKING FROM THE ROOF...
YOU'RE GONNA SNEAK INTO THE SCHOOL AT NIGHT?
AKIRA TSUBAKI (GRADE 5)
HAMMER
PREVIOUSLY
KOUHEI UENO, WHO'D LIED ABOUTHAVING REVIVED THAT STILL AKIRA TSUBAKI AND MIKOTO USAMI ARE ROMANTICALLY AND OBSESSIVELY IN THE ONLY COUPLE THINGS THEY DO IS A DAILY ROUTINE IN WHICH TSUBAKI TASTES USAMI'S CRITICAL BODY SECRETS. AS THE PERIODICS BEING THAT COMMITTED THE TWO-OF THEM, TWO GIRLS WERE ALLOWED TO WEAR THEIR OWN SWIMSUITS TO SWIMMING CLASS FOR A DAY. USAMI'S CHOICE WOW AS NAG AGAINST CLASS 2-C #1 WHICH THE LOSERS HAD TO GO BUY DRINKS IN THEIR SWIMSUITS. TO STOP TSUBAKI FROM SEEING CLASS 2-C'S TOURNAMENT WHITE SWIMSUITS, USAMI DISTRACTED THE WHILE STEARDING THE TOOL FROM THE SPORTS FIELD, GRABBING ALL THE BOYS' ATTENTION.

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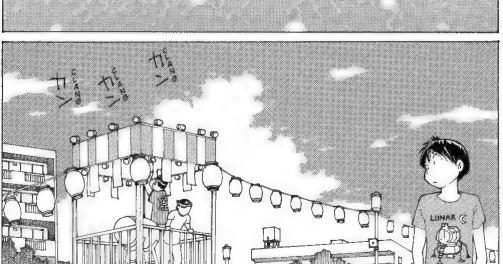
CHAPTER 80: MYSTERIOUS FIREWORKS

THE PRESENT



AKIRA TSUBAKI (GRADE 11)
OH, YEAH, TOMORROW'S THE FESTIVAL...
I WANT TO INVITE URABE...
BUT IT'S KAZAMIDAI'S FESTIVAL.
SO A LOT OF PEOPLE FROM SCHOOL WILL BE THERE.
IF WE GO TOGETHER,
PEOPLE WILL FIND OUT WE'RE DATING.
HM?
COME TO THINK OF IT,
THERE'S A FIREWORKS SHOW DOWNTOWN TOMORROW ...
LUNAR

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AH...
HEY, URABE,
YOU KNOW ABOUT THE FIREWORKS SHOW TOMORROW, RIGHT?
WELL,
ONCE, WHEN WE WERE KIDS, UENO AND I
SNEAKED INTO OUR SCHOOL AT NIGHT TO WATCH THEM.
SINCE KAZAMIDAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
IS UP ON A HILL.

FOR WATCHING THE FIREWORKS
BOOM
THE VIEW WAS PERFECT
FROM THE SCHOOL ROOF.
KABOOM
BOOM
HAMMER
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
SO...
YOU AND I COULD SNEAK UP THERE, TOMORROW, TO WATCH THEM...
SO I WAS THINKING, IF YOU WANT TO,

I COULD SEE HER EYE...

WHAT WAS THAT?!

Y—

YEAH?

INTERESTING ...

THAT SOUNDS

KIND OF...

I'LL MEET YOU TOMORROW AT 7:30

AT THE SCHOOL'S REAR ENTRANCE!

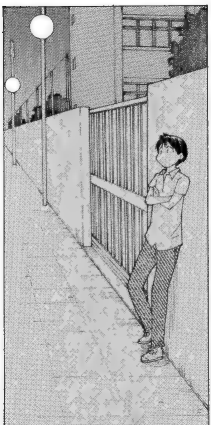
OKAY.

RE—

REALLY?!

I'D LIKE TO SEE THE FIREWORKS FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROOF.

OKAY.



IS SHE INTO STUFF LIKE SNEAKING INTO SCHOOL AFTER HOURS?

URABE AGREED MORE EASILY THAN I EXPECTED...

ZOOM

LUNAR MODULE

URABE!
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
TSUBAKI-KUN,
GOOD IDEA!
OH,
I DRESSED IN THE LIGHTEST CLOTHES I COULD FIND.
1952
UFO
GRAB HOLD.
URABE.
CLATTER
CLATTER

GRADE SCHOOL...
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME BACK SINCE I GRADUATED FROM HERE.
WOW...
WELL...
WE ACTUALLY FOUGHT A LOT IN GRADE SCHOOL, THOUGH.
WE'D GRAPPLE AND EVERYTHING.
OF COURSE WE DON'T ANYMORE.
BUT BACK THEN, WE FOUGHT ABOUT ONCE A MONTH.
OVER THE STUPIDEST LITTLE THINGS.
SO,
YOU GET ALONG REALLY WELL.
YOU AND UENO-KUN HAVE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE GRADE SCHOOL, HUH?
YOU'RE SO GAY.
YEAH.
WE, MI-I WHEN WE WERE PUT IN THE SAME CLASS IN 4TH GRADE.
AND WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS EVER SINCE.
AN
195

WE GO UP THESE EMERGENCY STAIRS.
WOBBLE
YEAH.
I'M FINE.
YOU OKAY?!
952
NOW WE JUST GO OVER THIS FENCE...
TAP

THIS SCHOOL'S BUILT ON THE ASHES OF HOME IN SOME
YEAH
WOW...
IT'S SO PRETTY.
OH.
THERE'S ONE RESERVAL IN THE PARK.
THAT'S RIGHT.
I REALLY WANTED TO GO THERE WITH YOU.
BUT WE'D BE ALONE TOGETHER! WHAT IF PEOPLE SEE US?
THAT'S WHY
I PICKED THIS PLACE
AS AN ALTERNATE PLAN...

THAT'S ABOUT 10 MORE MINUTES.
I'M PRETTY SURE THE FIREWORKS START AT 8:00.
I CAME UP HERE WHEN I WAS IN GRADE SCHOOL.
REMINDS ME OF WHEN
LOOKING AT THE TOWN AT NIGHT.
BUT, STANDING HERE,
OH...
WHAT'D WE TALK ABOUT?
WELL...
WHAT DID YOU TALK ABOUT?
LIKE, THINGS I TALKED ABOUT WITH UENO AT THE TIME.
WHAT DOES IT REMIND YOU OF?

WHERE'D YOU HEAR THAT?
SERIOUSLY?
KAORU ANZAI FROM CLASS 3.
WAOW!
FROM OUR CLASS.
EHUMM...
DID YOU HEAR?
HUH?
IF THAT EVER HAPPENS...
I'LL KISS ONE BEFORE YOU DO!
I WONDER IF
I'LL EVER KISS A GIRL, TOO...
MAN, REALLY?
THE GIRLS WERE TALKING ABOUT IT.
WANNA CALL OUT SOMEONE AND POUND HIM!
ANZAI IS REALLY CUTE!
DON'T BE STUPID!

YOU DON'T EVEN GET ANY CHOCOLATE ON VALENTINE'S DAY, LADY JEAN!
NO WAY! I WILL!
I'LL BE FIRST!
WE TALKED ABOUT
THAT WAS WHAT
YES
YOU WANT TO KNOW...?
UH...
WHAT DID YOU TALK ABOUT

WE TALKED ABOUT
WHICH OF US
WOULD BE THE FIRST
TO KISS A GIRL
IN THE FUTURE.
1952
OF COURSE,
IT TURNED OUT
UENO WAS FIRST, AFTER ALL...

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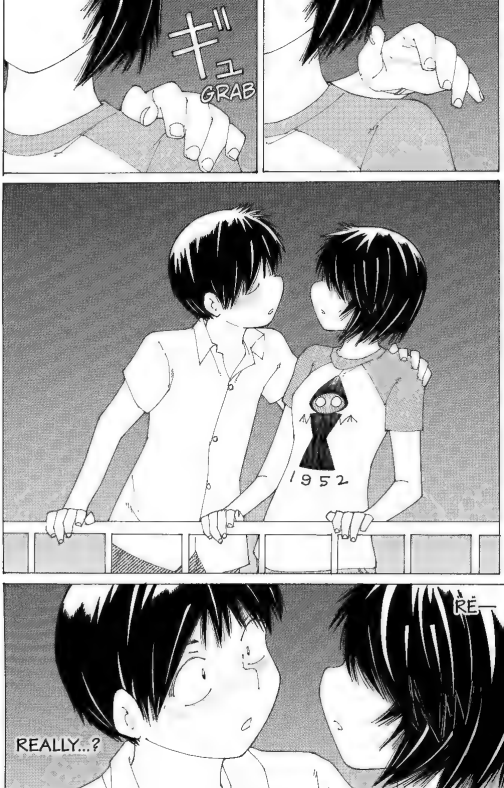
GRAB
URABE!
1952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GRAB
1952
RE
REALLY...?

IS THIS
REALLY
GOING TO
HAPPEN...?

TICK

BOOM

BOOM
KABOOM

UENO...
AND OKAI
I WONDER IF...
THEY SAW US...
DON'T THINK SO.
THEY'RE PRETTY FAR AWAY.

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
EH?
REALLY DO GET ALONG WELL, HUH?
YOU AND UENO-KUN
BUT...
TO A PLACE THAT HELD MEMORIES FOR YOU.
...OH,
YEAH...
HAD THE SAME IDEA TO BRING YOUR GIRLFRIENDS
YOU BOTH
WE WEREN'T TALKING TO EACH OTHER.
A FEW DAYS BEFORE WE SAW THOSE FIREWORKS, UENO AND I HAD FOUGHT.
COME TO THINK OF IT... I REMEMBER NOW.

HEY.
WANNA COME TO THE SCHOOL WITH ME TONIGHT?
...HE TALKED TO ME.
WHEN I TRIED TO IGNORE HIM AND KEEP WALKING...
SUMMER SHARK
THEN, THAT DAY, I BUMPED INTO HIM ON THE STREET.
IS UP ON A HILL,
YEAH!
YOU KNOW,
OUR SCHOOL
SO LOOKING FROM THE ROOF...
ISN'T THE SCHOOL CLOSED AT NIGHT?
BUT...
TONIGHT?!
YOU'RE GONNA SNEAK INTO THE SCHOOL AT NIGHT?
WANNA COME?
THAT SOUNDS FUN!
OOH!
A GREAT VIEW OF THE FIREWORKS.
WE SHOULD HAVE
YEAH!
OKAY, WE'LL MEET AT THE SCHOOL'S REAR ENTRANCE AT 7:30 TOMORROW!
SUMMER SHARK

DOOM
I WONDER IF SHE'S HAVING FUN AT THE FESTIVAL
I DON'T KNOW WHAT MEANS BY ASKING A QUESTION LIKE THAT
120
BEEP
HUH?

EVEN AFTER WE ALMOST KISSED ON THE ROOF..
AHH
URABE SEEMS PRETTY CALM.
OH..
SURE.
TSUBAKI-KUN,
WANT A DRINK?
ごくっ
ごくっ
ゆ..
BLUSH...

BLU
UUUUSH
しゅ
わあああ
TH—
THIS COLA...
SOMEHOW ...
MAKES ME FEEL REALLY EXCITED ...
IS IT BECAUSE
WE ALMOST...
KI—
TAP
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ピ
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THERE'S NO NEED
TO SAY ANY MORE
THAN THAT.

UENO...
I'M ENJOYING THE WAY URABE AND I ARE NOW.
REALLY EXCITED!
I'M GETTING
MAN.
BLUU
しゅん
LLLUSH
あまあま
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END OF CHAPTER 80
AS EXCITING SUMMER ENDS AND NEXT TIME, A NEW EXCITEMENT BEGINS!!

BUTSTILL,
IT'S TRUE THAT WE HAVEN'T KISSED YET.
WELL.
TSUBAKI-KUN!
SEE YA.

HENG HAS SHOWN UP TSUBAKI YET AGAIN...?!
STILL,
IT'S REALLY
A MYSTERY...
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OKA AS A GIRLFRIEND?
END UP WITH
HOW DID AN ORDINARY GUY LIKE YOU
WELL, I MEAN, YOU KNOW
A MYSTERY?
HUH?
WHAT IS?
THIS PICTURE IS FROM THE FIRE-WORKS SHOW LAST MONTH
TWIN TAIL
WAS IT ONE OF "THOSE" THINGS?
OH...

MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X

CHAPTER 81: MYSTERIOUS BACK STORY

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UESHIBA RIICHI

PREVIOUSLY

KISSING IS CUTE, MUCH LESS ANYTHING BEYOND THAT STILL. AKIRA TSUBAKI AND MAKOTO USABE ARE BOYFRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND. THE ONLY COUPLE LIKE THING THEY DO IS A DAILY RUN-IN WHILE TSUBAKI TASTES USABE'S BOOZE, BUT SERIOUSLY IS THE PRECIOUS BOND THAT CONNECTS THE TWO OF THEM. ON THE NIGHT OF THE FIREWORKS SHOW, TSUBAKI AND USABE DECIDED TO SNEAK UP TO THE ROOF OF KAZAMIDAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, A LITTLE-KNOWN PRIME FIREWORKS VIEWING SPOT. THE NOVICE SEEMED RIGHT. LEADING UP TO... THEIR FIRST KISS! BUT JUST THEN, THE FIREWORKS ILLUMINATED THE SIGHT OF USABE AND OKA NOT FAR AWAY. TSUBAKI WAS DISAPPOINTED, BUT USABE... JUST MIGHT HAVE FELT THE SAME WAY!

OVER HERE!
URABE-SAN!
SEIYU
EIGEN
WERE YOU WAITING LONG?
NOT AT ALL.
I JUST GOT HERE MYSELF.
風見台駅
Hallucigenia
STAT
WELL, READY TO GO?
BUT, ARE YOU SURE, OKA-SAN?

TO COME TO MY HOUSE SOMETIME.
I ALWAYS WANTED YOU
I'M THE ONE WHO ASKED YOU, AFTER ALL.
OF COURSE!
OH,
HERE ARE YOUR SLIPPERS.
COME IN! COME IN!
HERE WE ARE!
OH...
THANK YOU...
HM?

MOM,
CAN YOU BRING SOME TEA AND CAKE TO MY ROOM LATER?
THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AFTER AYUKO.
THIS IS URABE-SAN, FROM MY CLASS.
WELCOME.
ARE YOU AYUKO'S FRIEND?
S—
SURE!
N—
NICE TO MEET YOU...

...
OH, GOODNESS! NOT AT ALL!
WOW! YOU LOOK LIKE SISTERS!
...AND IT MADE HER SO HAPPY, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT.
WHEN I FIRST INTRO-DUCED HER TO UENO-KUN, HE SAID...
IT WAS OBVIOUSLY JUST A PLOT TO GET HIS GIRL-FRIEND'S MOM TO LIKE HIM!
HA HA ...
YEAH,
I GET THAT A LOT.
YOUR MOM... LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU, DOESN'T SHE?
THE FACE, THE HEIGHT...

COME ON, HAVE A SEAT!
BANANA MOON
GOLD
THIS IS MY ROOM.
Boom Boom Satellites
MUTEKI

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JUNK

UENO-KUN ASKED ME OUT!
HE DID, OF COURSE!
WHEN YOU STARTED DATING UENO-KUN...
WHICH ONE OF YOU ASKED THE OTHER OUT?
HEY, OKA-SAN ...
HUH?
AH, COME TO THINK OF IT, I NEVER TOLD YOU THE BACK STORY
OF HOW UENO-KUN AND I STARTED DATING, DID I?
WANT TO HEAR IT?
OKAY, I'LL TELL YOU...
ER...
I DO...
LEAN
H!!!

MY CLASSMATE AT THE TIME, TALKED TO ME.
WHEN UENO-KUN,
IT WAS ONE OF THOSE DAYS
SO I WAS ALWAYS AT SCHOOL UNTIL LATE.
IN MY FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL,
I WAS ON THE STUDENT COUNCIL,
OKA... YOU'RE STILL AT SCHOOL THIS LATE?
HUH?
HUH?
OKA,
BY THE WAY...
WHERE IS YOUR HOUSE?
STILL AT SCHOOL SO LATE, UENO-KUN?
SO WHY ARE YOU
I WAS IN THE CLASS-ROOM
TALKING WITH MY FRIEND,
AND NEXT THING I KNEW, IT WAS THIS LATE.
IN MIDORI-GAOKA.
I MEAN,
YEAH,
I AM AN OFFICER
I'VE BEEN REALLY BUSY GETTING READY
ON THE STUDENT COUNCIL, AFTER ALL.
FOR THE STUDENT COUNCIL ELEC-TIONS.

MIDORIGAOKA.
HUH...
WELL, SEE YA.
OKA.
SEE YA, UENO-KUN.
AND, FROM THAT DAY ON...

WAS FOLLOWING ME HOME FROM SCHOOL...
SOMEONE
I STARTED TO FEEL LIKE
THEN, ONE DAY,
I WORKED UP MY COURAGE...

WHO'S THERE?!
...AND APPROACHED THE PERSON FOLLOWING ME...
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
WHO
OM
UENO-KUN ...?!
AND IT WAS UENO-KUN, RIGHT?
BINGO!
THE WAY THE STORY WAS GOING,
I COULD TELL.

I WAS WORRIED SO I'VE BEEN WATCHING OUT FOR YOU
SINCE I FOUND OUT THAT YOU GO HOME LATE EVERY DAY.
I MEAN,
YOU'RE SMALL LIKE A KID, YOU KNOW?
A STALKER?
ARE YOU...
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?
NO! I'M NOT!
SO I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU
SO WELL
I LIVE PRETTY CLOSE BY TOO
TO MAKE SURE YOU GET HOME SAFE
IF THAT WAS ALL
YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID SO
WHAT?
REALLY?
ABOUT NASTY PEOPLE WANDERING AROUND THIS AREA
BESIDES
I'VE HEARD A LOT OF STORIES

DIDN'T YOU THINK HAVING SOMEONE WALKING BEHIND ME WOULD FREAK ME OUT?!
YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME
WHAT YOU WERE DOING IN ADVANCE!
MY STUDENT COUNCIL WORK.
USUALLY LEAVES ONCE ABOUT 7:00.
SUMMIT ME BY THE SHOE LOCKERS THEN!
IF WE WALK HOME TOGETHER FROM THE START,
THERE'S NO PROBLEM, RIGHT?
Um...
OKAY!!
WALKED HOME
WITH UENO-KUN AFTER SCHOOL.
FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS AFTER THAT.

UENO-KUN.
SO TODAY IS...
...THE LAST DAY...
UENO-KUN.
ON THE LAST DAY THAT I HAD TO GO HOME SO LATE...
BUT AFTER THE STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS,
DIZZY
WHA...
GO OUT WITH ME...
HUH?
WHAT?!
HEY, UENO-KUN!

I'LL BE A LONGER WALK HOME,
YES.
BUT WOULD YOU?
GO OUT TO THE GENERAL STORE WITH ME!
I SAID,
HUH?
THE GENERAL STORE?
HEY, UENO-KUN,
COULD YOU GRAB THAT FOR ME?
HMM...
WHICH ONE SHOULD I GET...
THIS ONE?
NO, NO! THE RED ONE, ON THE LEFT!
THIS ONE?
NOT THAT ONE!

I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE YOU MEAN, SO YOU GET IT!
OH, FORGET IT!
GRAD
JUST M
123
456
789

ER...
SO—
SORRY...
.....
I SHOULDN'T HAVE JUST PICKED YOU UP LIKE THAT...
UENO-KUN,
NOW THAT THE ELECTIONS ARE OVER...
I'M PLANNING TO QUIT THE STUDENT COUNCIL NEXT SEMESTER.

OH
SURE...
I'LL BE LEAVING SCHOOL WHILE IT'S STILL DAYLIGHT FROM STARTING TOMORROW
THIS IS THE LAST DAY
I'LL BE GOING HOME LATE
THANKS FOR WALKING ME HOME UP TO NOW
YOU WANT TO KEEP
WALKING HOME TOGETHER?
YEAH!
IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU...
I MEAN.
WELL...
I DON'T MIND, BUT...
WALKING HOME TOGETHER?
IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU,
CAN WE CONTINUE
HE—
HEY,
OKA...

ALL YOU WANT?
REALLY
HOME TOGETHER
IS WALKING
PLEASE...
IF YOU WOULD.
GO OUT WITH ME.

STARTED GOING OUT TOGETHER.
THAT'S THE BACK STORY OF HOW OKA AND I
SO THERE YOU HAVE IT.
IN THE BEGINNING ...
THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU SAID
HUH?
TWIN TAIL
YEAH, BUT
SHE MEANT TO THE GENERAL STORE.
THE FIRST ONE TO SAY "GO OUT WITH ME" WAS OKA!
GO OUT WITH ME..
THINK BACK TO THE REST OF MY STORY!
BUT IN THAT STORY,
YOU SAID OKA WAS THE ONE WHO ASKED YOU OUT,
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID
"PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME" TO HER!

STARTED WALKING HOME TOGETHER.
FROM THE TIME WE FIRST
SHE SAID SHE WAS INTERESTED IN ME
WELL, WHEN I TALKED TO OKA LATER,

WAS THE VOICE OF HER INNER HEART SPEAKING TO ME!
THE WAY SHE WORDED "GO OUT TO THE GENERAL STORE WITH ME"
THAT'S A PRETTY FORCED INTERPRETATION...
TWIN
51
TAI
"SAKE"

BUT,
THAT DAY AT THE GENERAL STORE...
HE LOOKED REALLY HAPPY.
FROM THE TIME WE STARTED WALKING HOME TOGETHER,
WHEN I SAID I KIND OF LIKED HIM
BUT LATER,
SO, WELL,
IT WAS UENO-KUN WHO ASKED ME OUT FIRST...

I'M PRETTY SURE
I WAS ALREADY IN LOVE WITH UENO-KUN BY THEN.
WHEN UENO PICKED ME UP...
IT FELT SO NATURAL SOMEHOW.
HE'S THE ONE WHO ASKED ME OUT.
SO,
BUT TO BE PRECISE ...
URABE-SAN.
Boom Box is RAINING
IF I HAD TO SAY WHO WAS FIRST...
TMP
TMP
TMP

I'M GOING TO START GETTING DINNER READY NOW.
IF YOU LIKE,
WHY DON'T YOU STAY AND EAT WITH US?
WHAT?
ARE YOU SURE?
YEAH, YOU SHOULD!
STAY FOR DINNER.
URABE-SAN!
Hallucigen
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
NO TROUBLE AT ALL,
REALLY.
UH...
WHAT WAS I SAYING?
YOU WERE SAYING
WHETHER YOU OR UENO-KUN ASKED THE OTHER OUT FIRST.
OH, YEAH!
Hallucigen

DOESN'T EVEN MATTER.
WHO SAID IT FIRST
AT THIS POINT,
...WELL,
I LOVE UENO-KUN,
AND UENO-KUN LOVES ME, SO...
ISN'T IT THE SAME WITH YOU AND TSUBAKI-KUN?
URABE'S BEEN SHOWN UP, TOO...
BEFORE WE EVEN EAT DINNER...
I FEEL LIKE...
I'M ALREADY FULL

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FIGHT ON!!
ファイトおー!!
YEAH!
おーっ!

PREVIOUSLY

OUR EVER-THING-TWO-JOE IS A DAILY ROUTINE IN WHICH TSUBAKI TASTES UBAME'S DROOL, BUT "DROOL" IS TWO PRECIOUS SOMO THAT GO INTO THE TWEEZER. THEN, MIYAGAWA-SENSEI MAKE BENTO, WHICH THEIR FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL. WHEN TSUBAKI ASKED HOW MITEI, UEHO SAID THAT OKA CONFESSED FIRST. BUT HE WENT ON ITS FUNNY. OKA! HE WAS THE ONE WHO ASKED OKA OUT. HIGANBE.

MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X
—NAZO NO KANOJO X—
HEY♪
WHAT A LOVELY YOUNG LADY♥
NEAT AND TRIM GIRLS ARE JUSTICE!
SUWANO!!
CHAPTER 82:
MYSTERIOUS TENNIS COURT
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UESHIBA RIICHI

BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN COMING TO PRACTICE MUCH...
WELL,
THE REASON I JOINED WAS...
OFFICIALLY,
YEAH.
I'M A REGIS-TERED MEMBER.
SUWANO, YOU'RE IN THE TENNIS CLUB?
HM?
.....!
HERE,
YOUR BALL.
I'M NOT REALLY A SERIOUS
... BECAUSE THE UNI-FORMS
WERE REALLY CUTE.
THANKS!
CATCH
YEAH, THEY ARE CUTE...

A PRACTICE MATCH.
WHY DON'T YOU STAY AND WATCH?
I'M ABOUT TO START
OH,
STEP
SMACK
SLAM
WE'RE IN!
SURE!
HUH?
WE'RE IN!
GRAB
SMACK
SMACK

CRACK
SMACK
WOW,
FOR SOMEONE WHO'S NOT A SERIOUS MEMBER.
SUWANO...
SHE'S PRETTY GOOD!
WELL, SHE WAS PRETTY ATHLETIC TO BEGIN WITH.
NOT TO MENTION,
THAT TENNIS WEAR...
MAKES A PRETTY GOOD MATCH
WITH SUWANO'S PONYTAIL, HUH?

I WOULDN'T...
I...
HEY, TSUBAKI.
YOU REALLY DO LIKE SUWANO, DON'T YOU?
N—
NO!
DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA!
AND I DON'T HAVE A PONYTAIL FETISH!
PONYTAIL FETISHES ASIDE...
SMACK
MAYBE I HAVE A SLIGHT FETISH FOR GIRLS' LEGS...
IT'S SUWANO'S LEGS
ALL THIS TIME...
SQUEAK
THAT MY EYES KEEP GOING TO...
OH...

ON THE TENNIS COURT!
THERE,
SUWANO-SAN?
IS THAT GIRL PLAYING TENNIS OVER THERE...
HUH?
OKA-SAN!
SUWANO-SAN!
THE GUYS WATCHING FROM THE SIDE
ARE UENO-KUN AND TSUBAKI-KUN!
HM?
HUH...?
LET'S GO WATCH, TOO!
URABE-SAN!

I'M BASICALLY
A GHOST MEMBER, BUT YEAH.
YOU'RE IN THE TENNIS CLUB?
SUWANO-SAN,
GLANCE
SMACK

SMACK
SMACK
SMACK
SMACK
SMACK

TAP
MATCH WON BY SUWANO!
AND...
GAME, SET...
WHOOSH
AH...
SUWANO-SAN!
YEAH...
THAT ACTUALLY WENT WELL!
YOU'RE GOOD!
OOOOH!
ALL RIGHT!
SCORE IS 6-4!

URABE-SAN.
WHAT?
TO TRY IT, TOO?
WOULD YOU LIKE
JUST ONE SET.
I MEAN,
YOU'RE A GOOD ATH-LETE,
SO I BET YOU'LL BE PRETTY GOOD.
WAIT... YOU MEAN...
A MATCH BETWEEN YOU AND URABE-SAN?
YEAH!

SURE, I'LL DO IT.
YAY♪
WANT TO TRY IT?
WH—
WHAT DO YOU THINK, URABE-SAN?
EXCITED
I KIND OF WANT TO SEE IT MYSELF...
CAN YOU LEND HER YOUR RACKET?
SO I HAVE A GENERAL IDEA.
I'VE SEEN IT ON TV,
GOOD LUCK!
DO YOU KNOW THE RULES?
URABE,
I'M FINE.
HMM...
YOU'RE IN YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM...
YOU DON'T WANT TO CHANGE?

PLAY!
OKAY, WE'LL TAKE IT
NICE AND EASY, THEN.
CRACK
SMACK

SMACK
SMACK
SMACK
SMACK
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT'S UP?
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE GAINED AN AUDI-ENCE...
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A MATCH BETWEEN A GHOST MEMBER AND A BEGINNER
QUITE A VOLLEY THEY'VE GOT GOING...
WOW...
SMACK
SMACK
SMACK
SMACK
NICK
SMASH
AH...!

15-LOVE!
ドタッ
THUD
URABE...
I GUESS SUWANO DOES HAVE THE EDGE SINCE SHE'S IN THE CLUB...
URABE-SAN!!
ポイ
KICK

トン
HOP
トン
HOP
ゴソ
SHOE
LE

BAREFOOT ...?
ズン
STANCE
CRACK
キュッ
SQUEAK

SMASH
URABE, MAN, YOU WERE AMAZING!
SUWANO HAD YOU ON THE RUN AT FIRST,
BUT AFTER YOU TOOK YOUR SHOES OFF,
YOU TURNED THE TABLES IN NO TIME!
WAS THAT REALLY YOUR FIRST TIME PLAYING TENNIS?

TSUBAKI-KUN...
MIND IF WE STOP BY THE PARK?
I PUT MY SHOES BACK ON AS SOON AS THE GAME ENDED,
SO I WANT TO WASH MY FEET.
TSUBAKI-KUN...
I DIDN'T REALLY INTEND TO PLAY THAT TENNIS MATCH AT FIRST...
BUT BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS SERIOUS ABOUT IT...
HUH?
ニチャッ

OH...
SO I JUST HAPPENED TO LOOK AT HER FOR ONCE...
SUWANO-SAN JUST LOOKED NICE IN HER TENNIS WEAR...
ER... NO, THAT WAS...
BECAUSE ...
YOU KEPT STARING AT SUWANO-SAN'S LEGS...
FSSSSSH
URABE.
SORRY,
S—
BUT
IT'S A FACT THAT YOU WERE LOOKING.

LEAVE!
NOW!
WHAT?
HERE!

THIS MUDDY SPOT HERE
WOULD YOU STEP IN IT WITH YOUR WET FOOT?
WHY...?
JUST DO IT!
NOW,
STEP ON THIS PAPER
WITH THAT FOOT!
HUH...?

STEP
URABE!
I'LL HANG THIS FOOTPRINT IN MY ROOM TODAY AND THINK ABOUT WHAT I'VE DONE!
BECAUSE,
TO ME...

PFFT
ぷ
は
THE BEST FEET IN THE WORLD
ARE YOURS!
TSUBAKI-KUN,
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
YOU'RE SO WEIRD!
AHAHAHAHA
あはははは…
SO I GUESS SHE'S NOT MAD ANYMORE?
IT WAS FUNNY …
SHE THOUGHT …
MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X
END OF CHAPTER 82

MEOW
MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X
OH...
THIS STORY'S SLIGHTLY MYSTERIOUS BEAUTY... THAT'S SUWANO♥
PREVIOUSLY
KISSING IS JUST MUCH LESS ANYTHING BEYOND THAT. STILL, AKIRA TSUBAKI AND MAKOTO UBARE ARE BOYFRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND. THE ONLY CONSEQUENCE THING THEY DO IS A DAILY ROUTINE IN WHICH TSUBAKI EATES UBARE'S LUNCH, BUT THROUGH IT THE PREVIOUS SCENE THAT CONFLICTS THE TWO OF THEM. MIYO AND OKA HAVE BEEN DATING SINCE THEIR FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL. WHEN TSUBAKI ASKED HOW IT STARTED, UENO SAID THAT OKA FORMTTED FIRST, BUT HE WASN'T ON ITS CLARITY THAT HE WAS THE ONE WHO ASKED OKA OUT. REGARDLESS, THEIR FEELINGS WERE MUTUAL, SO NAMED TSUBAKI AND UBARE THE 20TH OF THEIR KIND.
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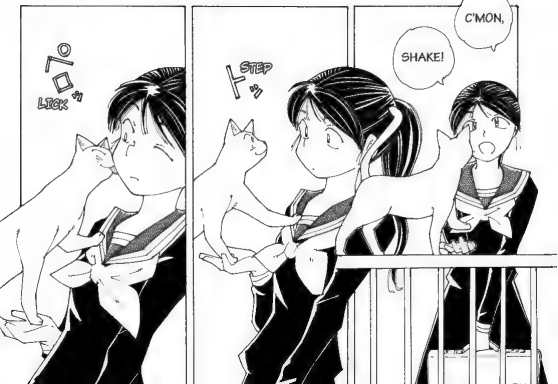
LICK
ペロッ
STEP
トッ
SHAKE!
C'MON,

MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X

SUWANO!
GOT A MINUTE?
NAKA-JIMA-KUN ...
YES?
INTRODUCE YOURSELF FIRST!
COME ON!
OH...
A KID IN MY PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB
THE THING IS,
HAS SOMETHING TO...
UH...
RIGHT...

ENTERED A MAGAZINE PHOTO CONTEST,
SO, HASEGAWA
AND HE WON A PRIZE.
MAGAZINE PHOTO AGE MONTHLY
HELLO.
HI.
H—
MY NAME'S HASEGAWA.
WELL?
WHEN DID YOU TAKE IT?
IT'S ME!
WHEN DID YOU TAKE THIS?
THIS.
AND THE WINNING PICTURE WAS...
FLIP
HONORABLE MENTION.
TSUKASA HASEGAWA (16), TOKYO
COMMENTS:

GETTING LICKED ON THE FACE BY A CAT.
I, WELL...
HAPPENED TO SEE YOU
TWO MONTHS AGO.
ON MY WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL,
FOR NOT ASKING YOU FIRST!
I'M SORRY
AND ENTERED IT IN THAT CONTEST
WITHOUT YOUR PERMIS-SION,
WELL,
HE TOOK YOUR PICTURE
SO I RUSHED
TO TAKE OUT MY CAMERA
AND SNAP A PICTURE.
CLICK
IT IS A NICE PICTURE...
...BUT
SO I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT IT.

I WAS THINKING OF ENTERING THE NEXT CONTEST, TOO...
S—
SO IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND...
BAM
SO...
SO
ANY-WAY!
SUWANO-SAN...
I'D LIKE YOU TO M-MODEL FOR MY PHOTOS...
WILL YOU?!
SEE?
SEE?
AREN'T THEY CUTE?

IT KIND OF MAKES ME WONDER...
STILL,
I KNOW IT'S WEIRD TO CALL MY OWN PICTURES "CUTE."
HASEGAWA-KUN FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB TOOK THEM.
BUT HE MAKES ME LOOK WAY BETTER IN HIS PICTURES THAN I DO IN REAL LIFE.
HUH?
ABOUT WHAT?
I DUNNO...
I THINK
THAT'S JUST PREJUDICE.
MOST GUYS IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB ARE REAL GEEKS.
AND START ACTING LIKE A STALKER.
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT HE COULD FALL IN LOVE
EVEN THOUGH HE SAW YOU AS A MODEL FOR HIS PHOTOS AT FIRST,
THIS HASEGAWA GUY...
WHAT?
YOU'RE THINKING TOO FAR INTO THIS.

SUWANO-SAN!
DID YOU WAIT LONG?
HEY!
I'M THE ONE WHO ASKED YOU,
NO, NO, NO!
I RAN REALLY LATE.
SORRY!
ARE YOU MAD?
SO I'M JUST THANKFUL THAT YOU CAME!
OH,
YOU CAN JUST
ACT LIKE YOU NORMALLY DO.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
SO,

RIGHT.
I CAN JUST DO WHATEVER I WANT?
SO...
I'D LIKE TO CAPTURE YOUR NATURAL CUTENESS.
WAIT UP!
HEY...
HE—
DASH
CLICK
AH!

WOW!
AMAZING!
SEEING MYSELF IN SUCH NICE PICTURES
MAKES ME REALLY HAPPY,
AS A GIRL AND ALL...
YOU TOOK ALL THESE IN JUST ONE HOUR!
YOU REALLY ARE GOOD WITH A CAMERA.
NAH...
I JUST HAVE A GOOD MODEL.
HASEGAWA-KUN.
AND THEY'RE ALL GREAT!
OH...
I'LL GO BUY SOME DRINKS!
OKAY, THANKS.

HUH?
IS THAT YOU, SUWANO?
HEY,
STEP
BEEN A WHILE.
YOSHIMURA-KUN...

WHAT'S GOING ON...?
UM...
HASE-GAWA-KUN...
ONE DAY,
SHE JUST STOPPED CONTACTING ME,
AND SHE WOULDN'T ANSWER MY CALLS...
WOW...
SHE'S REALLY AWFUL!
WHAT?
SUWANO'S NEW BOYFRIEND?
WHO'RE YOU,
KID?

BUT SHE'S A PRETTY COLD CHICK.
WATCH YOURSELF.
SUWANO'S NICE ON THE OUTSIDE,
GRAB
SUWA NO-SAN!
LET'S GO,
WHAT?!
THERE ARE TONS OF GREAT THINGS ABOUT MY GIRLFRIEND
DON'T THINK WHAT YOU SEE IS ALL THERE IS TO HER!
THAT YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW!

THANKS.
OH,
HERE.
YOUR DRINK.
UM...
YOUR...
WAS THAT GUY...
...EX-BOY-FRIEND?
THAT'S RIGHT.
FOR BLURTING OUT THAT YOU WERE MY GIRLFRIEND...
SORRY...
IT'S OKAY,
REALLY.
I'VE NEVER
GONE OUT WITH A GIRL BEFORE.
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS...
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN SOMEONE AS PRETTY AS YOU
OH...
WOULD HAVE SOMEONE LIKE THAT...

I WONDER IF MY PICTURES WOULD LOOK ANY DIFFERENT...
BUT IF I COULD DATE A GIRL AND LEARN ABOUT LOVE,
THE BEAUTY AND CUTENESS OF GIRLS.
I STARTED TAKING PICTURES BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE ABLE TO CAPTURE
ME TO TEACH YOU?
WOULD YOU LIKE

AH,
THAT WOULD BE
A BAD IDEA!
HUH?
IN MY MIND, THE GIRL I SEE THROUGH THE VIEWFINDER IS MY DREAM!
THE VERY FACT THAT SHE'S OUT OF MY REACH STRENGTHENS MY ADMIRATION!
IF I WERE TO GET A GIRLFRIEND,
I DON'T THINK I COULD EVER MAKE HER A SUBJECT OF MY PHOTOS!
AND TO ME,
YOU'RE AN AMAZING SUBJECT!

YOU'RE
SUWANO-SAN,
MY DREAM!
I...
THAT'S WHY...
I'M NOT DOING THIS BECAUSE
I WANT TO GO OUT WITH YOU!
REALLY?
OH...
SUWANO-SAN!!
UH...
OH...
HUH...
SO I'M YOUR DREAM.
I SEE...
GRIP
DON'T OPEN THAT!
IT'S...
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE

FSSSHHHH
AH!!
YAH!
...CARBON-ATED...
S—
SORRY...
I JUST TOOK A PICTURE...
IT WAS WARM, SO I THOUGHT IT WAS COFFEE...
IT'S ONE OF THOSE WARM CAR-BONAT-ED DRINKS THEY SELL LATELY...
CLICK

WINNER:
TSUKASA HASEGAWA
(16), TOKYO
COMMENTS
I HAD HEARD SUWANO'S PICTURE WAS IN THIS MAGAZINE AGAIN...
SO THIS IS IT...
PHOTOGRAPHY REALLY IS PRETTY COOL...
URABE!
URABE!
2013

REMEMBER THIS?
DO YOU
THAT I'D LIKE TO HAVE A CUTE PICTURE OF YOU TO KEEP!
I STILL THINK,
SINCE I'M GOING OUT WITH YOU,
THAT YOU BROUGHT OVER BEFORE
THE POLAROID CAMERA
YEP!
ALL RIGHT.
REALLY?!
THANKS,
URABE!
CAN I?

I'LL TAKE IT!
WHEN I SAY "CHEESE," OKAY,
CHEESE!
CLICK
WHIRR
RRR

ニャキニャキ
SNIP SNIP
SNIP SNIP
IF YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR GIRLFRIEND LOOKING CUTE,
DON'T DEPEND ON MACHINES.
BURN THE IMAGE ON THE BACK OF YOUR EYELIDS.
KEEP THE SMILE ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE IN YOUR MEMORY FOREVER☆
MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X
END OF CHAPTER 83
SHE STILL
WON'T LET ME...
バラ…
スタスタスタ…
STEP STEP STEP…

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MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X

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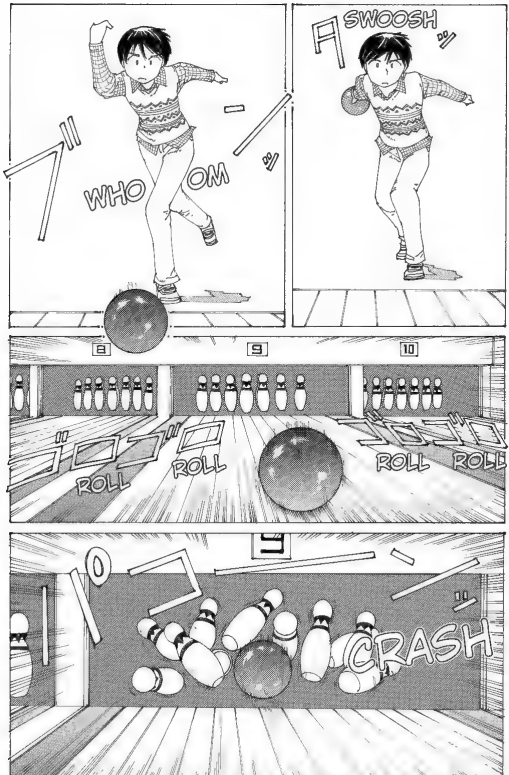
CHAPTER 84:
"TSUBAKI VS. URABE"

PREVIOUSLY KISSING IS ONE MUCH LESS ANYTHING BEYOND THAT STILL. AKIRA TSUBAKI AND MIKOTO URABE ARE BOYFRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND. THE ONLY COUPLE LIKE THING THEY DO IS A DAILY ROUTINE IN WHICH TSUBAKI TASTES URABE'S DROOL. BUT "DROOL" IS FAR PRECIOUS BOND THAT CONNECTS THE TWO OF THEM. A PAPARAZZI PHOTOGRAPHER MISTAKENLY SUMMONED TURNED OUT TO BE MAGICIANA. A NEW YEAR IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB. AS SHE MODELED FOR HIS CAMERA, SUMMONED HIMSELF AT BECOMING HIS GIRLFRIEND. BUT HER SUGGESTIONS WERE IN VAIN. MEANWHILE, TSUBAKI TRIED TO TAKE URABE'S PICTURE, BUT SHE REFUSED. TSUBAKI HAS NOT TO BEEN ON VACATION.

YOU'VE NEVER BOWLED BEFORE?
NO.
WHAT?
URABE,
CRASH!
IT'S EASY.
YOU THROW THE BALL TWICE PER FRAME.
AND TRY TO KNOCK DOWN THOSE PINS.
IF YOU KNOCK DOWN ALL TEN, IT'S A STRIKE.
THE ONE WHO KNOCKS DOWN THE MOST PINS IN TEN FRAMES WINS!
GOOD LUCK.
I'LL GO FIRST!
WATCH.
OKAY,


WHOOOM
SWOOSH
8
9
10
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
9
10
CRASH

ACTUALLY, BOWLING IS
YOU'RE GOOD AT THIS, TSUBAKI-KUN.
THE ONE THING
I CAN DO PRETTY WELL.
ALL RIGHT!!
THAT WAS A STRIKE?
YEP!
HUH?
HUH?
OKAY.
I'LL TRY...
YOU'RE UP, URABE!
GOOD LUCK!
MY SISTER EVEN
SO WE'VE BOWLED TOGETHER EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE.
IS INTO BOWLING,
MY WHOLE FAMILY
HAS HER OWN BOWLING GLOVE.
STRIKE

ゴロゴロゴロ
ROLL ROLL ROLL
"TOSS"
ガコン
CLUNK
ホー
KICK
YOU GET TO THROW ONE MORE TIME, URABE.
...THIS IS PRETTY HARD.
AH, TOO BAD.
IT'S A GUTTER BALL

URABE'S SERIOUS MODE...
THERE IT IS AGAIN...!
BAREFOOT!
キュ FWIP
キュ FWIP
9
ゴロゴロ ROLL ROLL
WHOOM
SWOOSH
ヒュッ

CRASH
SO CLOSE!
NINE PINS!
YEAH ...!
YOU'RE REALLY ATHLETIC, URABE,
SO YOU'LL GET BETTER FAST!
BOWLING IS
KINDA FUN...
HEY, I KNOW!
SINCE WE'RE PLAYING TOGETHER,
WHY DON'T WE MAKE A BET?
I THINK...
THAT'S A VERY
GOOD IDEA.
THE LOSER BUYS LUNCH
FOR THE WINNER,
MAYBE?
TSUBAKI-KUN.

I THINK I JUST IGNITED URABE'S FIGHTING SPIRIT...
RUMBLE...
WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT,
SHE DOES ENJOY COMPETITION ...
MAN ...
I KNOW, I KNOW!
YOU'RE BUYING OUR LUNCH!
AND AS PROMISED, SINCE YOU CAME IN LAST,
I JUST WASN'T ON MY GAME TODAY...
FREE FOOD! FREE FOOD!
DASH!
YOSHI-KAWA?
WHAT'S WRONG,
HM?

NEW BEER
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
HEY, YOU GUYS!
WILD
WHAT'S THIS?
ARE YOU TWO GOING OUT?
DOES THE REST OF CLASS 2-A KNOW?
YOSHI-KAWA-SAN...
THAT'S RIGHT!
BROKEN
AH...
FROM THE SOFTBALL TOURNA-MENT...
CLASS 2-C...
UH...
WELL...
YOU GUYS ARE FROM CLASS 2-A, RIGHT?
LONG TIME NO SEE!!

LET ME WATCH YOU FOR A WHILE.
IN RETURN,
ドサッ
SIGH
WELL,
OKAY, BUT...
THAT WE'RE GOING OUT A SECRET FROM EVERYONE.
WE'VE BEEN KEEPING THE FACT
I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULDN'T TELL...
HUH?
REALLY?
BANANA TY'IS SO FUNNY
I'M JEALOUS...
BOWLING WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND, HUH?
HEY, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN DATING?
COME ON OVER, TOO!
HEY, GUYS!
I WISH I HAD A BOY-FRIEND...
LEND ME YOUR "AMA-CHAN" DVD NEXT TIME!
PRESSSH
PRESSSH
THIS WHOLE SITUATION HAS GOTTEN PRETTY WEIRD...
ワイワイ
CHATTER
CHATTER

BUT SO IS THE GIRLFRIEND ...
SHE'S SLOWLY CATCHING UP...
1 2 3
TSUBAKI 27 47 67
URABE 69 84 94
9 28 48
OH!
THE BOYFRIEND'S PRETTY GOOD.
LET'S SEE...
THE SCORES ...
OOH!
I WANNA SEE THAT!
I AGREE!
BUBBLES BURSTS
TH—
THAT'S STUPID!
LET'S SAY THAT IF THE BOYFRIEND WINS,
SINCE YOU'RE PLAYING AS A COUPLE,
THE GIRLFRIEND
HAS TO KISS HIM
IN FRONT OF US!
ARE YOU GUYS BETTING ANYTHING?
HEY, HEY!
YEAH, TODAY'S LUNCH...
THAT'S NO FUN!
AWW!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE WERE JUST BETTING ON, THOUGH...

I GUESS THE GIRLFRIEND
THEN...
OH...
WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE...
SNAP
カチン
SO SHE'S AT A HUGE DISADVANTAGE!
WE...
THIS IS URABE'S FIRST TIME BOWLING,
WE CAN'T BET SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
WOULDN'T MIND
I...
TAKING THAT BET...
TSUBAKI-KUN...
HUH?
IF YOU LOSE, YOU HAVE TO KISS HIM!
ALL RIGHT!
SE— SERI-OUSLY?!
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL

CRASH
WHOA!
A STRIKE!
ALL RIGHT!
THE GIRLFRIEND'S CATCHING UP FAST NOW!
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME?
BOYFRIEND!
GO FOR IT!
OKAY! A KISS IS RIDING ON THIS, YOU KNOW!
SH—
SHUT UP...
SMACK
IF I WIN, IS URABE REALLY GOING TO KISS ME?
BUT IS SHE REALLY SERIOUS...?

THEN I'D BETTER...
キュッ
SQUEAK
IF SO...
WHOOM
...TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY, TOO!
ガコン
CLUNK
ROLL ROLL
ゴロゴロ
I THREW TOO HARD!
A GUTTER BALL!
AUGH!
AWW...
BOY-FRIEND!
IT'S OKAY!
IT'S OKAY!

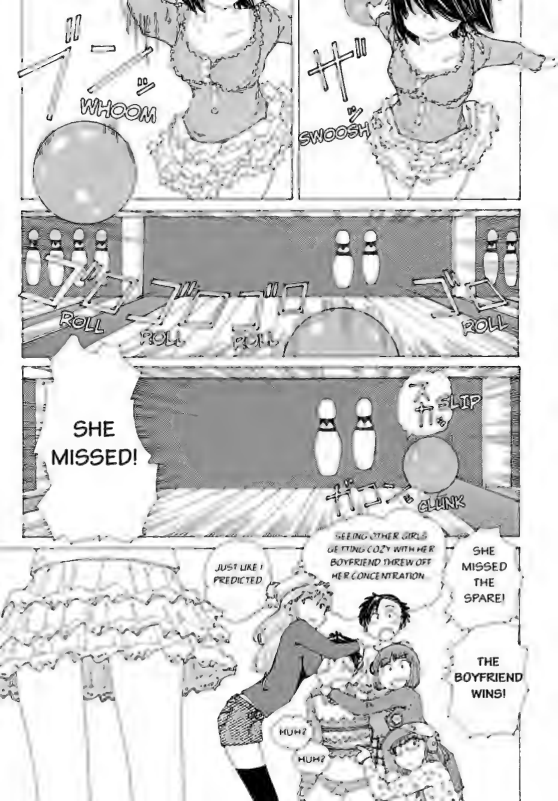
YEAH... SURE...
SLAP
CLACKITY
UH-OH.
THE GIRLFRIEND HAD A BAD ROLL, TOO.
ROLL ROLL
ROLL ROLL
YOU CAN DO IT!
ONLY TWO PINS.
.....
HEH HEH ...

CRASH
ALL RIGHT!
I GAVE IT MY BEST...
STRIKE!
BOY-FRIEND'S FINAL SCORE IS 185!
HUH...
IF THE GIRL-FRIEND GETS A STRIKE ON HER FIRST THROW
AND AT LEAST PICKS UP A SPARE IN THE NEXT TWO,
THE BOYFRIEND LOSES...

CRASH
SHE DID IT!
A STRIKE!
SHE'S AT HER PEAK!
WHOOM
HEY, COME HERE A SEC.
HUH? WHAT?
WHOOM

TWO LEFT...
EIGHT PINS...
IF ANYONE CAN PICK UP THE SPARE, IT'S URABE...
スコーン
GRASH
WELL,
I GUESS THAT'S HOW IT GOES...
LOOKS LIKE THAT KISS ISN'T GONNA HAPPEN...
FINE,
FINE.
DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
BUT FOR ALL OF US, TOO?
YOU HAVE TO BUY LUNCH NOT JUST FOR YOUR GIRLFRIEND,
HOW ABOUT WE SAY
IF YOU LOSE,
HEY,
BOY-FRIEND!

WHEE!
SQUEEZE
SO HAPPY!
YEP


WHOOM
SWOOSH
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
SHE MISSED!
SLIP
CLUNK
SEEING OTHER GIRLS GETTING COZY WITH HER BOYFRIEND THREW OFF HER CONCENTRATION.
JUST LIKE I PREDICTED.
SHE MISSED THE SPARE!
THE BOYFRIEND WINS!
HUH?
HUH?

RIGHT?
SHE HAS TO KISS HER BOYFRIEND!
SINCE THE GIRLFRIEND LOST,
OKAY,
AS PROMISED,
IF NOT NOW, WHEN?
YAY
YAY
YOU WANT TO DO THIS,
URABE?
ARE...
ARE YOU SURE
WE MADE A BET,
SO I HAVE TO...
AND THAT WAS THE DEAL,
KISS!
KISS!
KISS!
BROKEN

KISS!
KISS!
KISS!
!
WE WON'T STAND FOR THAT!
WHAT?!
WHY NOT?!
BECAUSE...
I'M CALLING OFF THE BET, AFTER ALL.
...I CAN'T KISS HER.
GRAB

URABE
IS CRYING...

S-STILL ...
A PROMISE IS A PROMISE!
THE GIRLFRIEND LOST,
SO SHE HAS TO HOLD UP HER END...
NO.
I'M THE ONE WHO LOST.
HUH?
I DID WIN THE BOWLING MATCH,
BUT...

THERE'S NO BOYFRIEND IN THIS WORLD
WHO WINS IN THE FACE OF HIS GIRLFRIEND'S TEARS!
THAT MEANS
I'VE LOST THIS MATCH!
パチ CLAP パチ CLAP パチ CLAP パチ CLAP パチ CLAP パチ CLAP パチ CLAP
OOOOOH
FABULOUS PHOTO!
DY-NAM-IC!!
FINE....
I CAN ACCEPT THAT.
BUT ON ONE CONDITION.
[WHACK]

WHAT'S WITH THESE GUYS ...?
AND THE ONE WHO PLACES LAST HAS TO BUY DINNER FOR EVERYONE!
WE GET A FREE MEAL!
SLAP
WILL BOWL A MATCH TOGETHER!
STARTING NOW, ALL SIX OF US
CLAP CLAP
YAY!!
BUT IT SURE TURNED OUT WEIRD...
A DATE FOR THE TWO OF US,
THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE
TSU BAKI-KUN...
SOME OTHER TIME.
LET'S HAVE THAT KISS
WHISPER
HEY!
AGAINST URABE.
I JUST CAN'T WIN
BOY-FRIEND, YOU'RE UP!
どろ〜ん
MELT♥
FFFFFOOOOO
GO, YOSHI-KAWA!
ALL'S SAID AND DONE, IT'S A HUGE VICTORY FOR A MAN☆
MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X
END OF CHAPTER 84